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E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: ETRD, GATT

SUBJECT: MTN: CLARIFICATION OF TROPICAL PRODUCTS REQUEST LISTS

1. SUMMARY. REQUEST LISTS REPORTED PARAS 2-11 CLARIFIED
ON TARIFFS TO SATISFACTION OF MTN DEL. AS GENERAL STATE-
MENT, HOWEVER, NONE ARE FINAL SINCE REQUESTING DELEGATIONS
ARE CHECKING WITH CAPITALS ON SEVERAL LINE ITEMS. THIS
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PARTICULARLY TRUE WITH RESPECT TO NTM'S WHICH ARE MADE

USUALLY WITH GENERAL REFERENCE TO PREPARATORY WORK OF GROUP 3(F) BUT SPECIFICS ON HOW INDIVIDUAL PRODUCTS AFFECTED HAS NOT BEEN PROVIDED. CLARIFICATION IS PRESENTED BY LINE ITEM (NUMBER OF REQUEST, BTN, OR TSUS CITATION). END SUMMARY.

2. HONG KONG: ALL REQUESTS FOR MFN CONCESSIONS. TRADE DATA ON HONG KONG EXPORTS/ IMPORTS FOR JANUARY-OCTOBER 1974 PERIOD HAVE BEEN SUPPLIED FOR ALL LINE ITEMS. INTEREST IN TSUS 149.60 IS FOR FOLLOWING GINGER PRODUCTS ONLY: PRESERVED DRY OR IN SYRUP AND CRYSTALLIZED AND GLACE (TSUS 154.40). DEL AWAITING INSTRUCTION TO PURSUE EX-OUT GINGER PRODUCTS FROM 149.60 AND ADDING 154.40 TO REQUEST LIST.

3. ARGENTINA: ALL REQUESTS FOR GSP EXCEPT TUNG OIL (176.60) MFN BINDING. HAS INDICATED THEY WILL PURSUE MFN AT APPROPRIATE TIME. INTEREST 152.74 IS FOR STATISTICAL SUFFIX 40 ONLY. DEL IS CONSIDERING ADDITION OF PREPARED SOUPS 182.48 AND 182.52 AND DRIED BEANS 140.09-140.16, DESPITE CURRENT NEGLIGIBLE TRADE INTEREST.

4. BRAZIL: TSUS 156.40, 156.35 HAVE BEEN DELETED. DEL HAS ON INSTRUCTION WITHDRAWN ALL REQUEST LISTS EXCEPT THOSE TO EC, JAPAN AND U.S. NO EXPLANATION HAS BEEN OFFERED OTHER THAN QUOTE CONCENTRATION OF NEGOTIATING EFFORTS UNQUOTE.

5. MEXICO: DEL HAS DELETED FOLLOWING TSUS LINE ITEMS: 114.4510, 114.4545, 114.4557, 114.4572. ON TSUS 315.25 INTEREST IN HENNEGEN ALONE IS TO BE CONFIRMED THROUGH CAPITAL. DEL IS CONSIDERING AMENDING REQUEST ON 147.16 TO MFN. DEL INDICATED INTEREST IN ADDING FOLLOWING ITEMS APPEARING IN OTHER REQUEST LISTS WHICH MEXICO DID NOT REPEAT NOT CONSIDER TROPICAL: CUCUMBERS, TOMATOES, HONEY, LIMES, WATERMELON, COCOA BUTTER, ESSENTIAL LEMON OIL. MTN DEL INDICATED THAT ALTHOUGH UNINSTRUCTED, U.S. WITH EXCEPTION OF COCOA BUTTER UNLIKELY TO CONSIDER SUCH PRODUCTS TROPICAL AND THAT LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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RESPONSE MORE LIKELY AT APPROPRIATE TIME IN TARIFF GROUP ACCORDING TO AGREED PROCEDURES.

6. COLOMBIA: ALL LINE ITEMS CORRECT. REQUEST IN TSUS 165.55 IS FOR EX-OUT PASSION FRUIT JUICE.

7. NIGERIA: SEE SEPTTEL.

8. INDONESIA: POSSIBLE NTB REQUEST ON TSUS 190.45 BEING CONSIDERED. DELETE TSUS 144.30. NTB REQUEST ON PEPPER RELATED TO HEALTH AND SANITARY REGULATIONS (ALLEGED STRICTER THAN THOSE APPLYING TO DOMESTIC PRODUCERS), LABELLING REQUIREMENTS, AND REMOVAL SALES TAX. NTB REQUEST TSUS 155.20 WITHDRAWN. ADD TSUS 452.24 EUCALYPTUS OIL, AND 452.80 OTHER ESSENTIAL OILS, REQUEST FOR ZERO DUTY GSP. REQUEST FOR BTN 40.06 SHOULD READ TSUS 446.05 NON VULCANIZED BLOCK RUBBER, 446.12 CHLORINATED RUBBER SEEKING DUTY FREE UNDER GSP. TSUS 446.15 SHOULD BE DELETED. ON RUBBER PRODUCTS INDONESIA ADOPTING STANDARDS SIMILAR TO MALAYSIAN AND SEEKS U.S. ACCEPTANCE OF ITS STANDARDS. ALL WOOD ITEMS ON PP 12-13 DELETED (TSUS 200.55, 200.75, 200.83, 200.8580, 200.91, 200.95, 203.30, 206.67, 206.65, 206.87, 680.07), EXCEPT 207.00 WOOD CARVINGS. TSUS 706.60 LUGGAGE ALSO DELETED.

9. SRI LANKA: BTN 9.07 REQUEST SHOULD READ TSUS 161.23. BTN 9.08 REQUEST SHOULD READ TSUS 161.65. REQUESTS FOR BTN 15.07 FOR TSUS 176.04 ONLY.

10. PAKISTAN: ADD TSUS 437.20 SYNTHETIC ALKALOIDS, REQUEST FOR ZERO DUTY GSP. AMEND REQUESTS TSUS 700.35, 700.41, 700.43 TO MFN.

11. JAMAICA: MTN DEL BELIEVES NO CLARIFICATION NECESSARY, BUT WILL SCHEDULE PRO FORMA MEETING TO INDICATE THAT U.S. RESPONSE TO THESE REQUESTS MORE LIKELY IN TARIFF GROUP AT APPROPRIATE TIME ACCORDING AGREED PROCEDURES.

12. FOLLOW UP CONTACT ON REMAINING MINOR QUESTIONS ON LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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REQUEST LISTS RECEIVED FROM TURKEY, GHANA, SINGAPORE, INDIA AND IVORY COAST WILL BE MADE AND HOPEFULLY REPORTED NEXT WEEK DEPENDING GENEVA PRESENCE ABOVE DELEGATIONS.WALKER

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